

REMARKS

The applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment. The applicants respectfully argue that all pending claims (claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 14, and 15) are allowable.

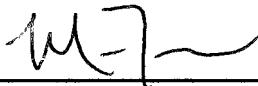
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, the Applicants respectfully request the entry of the present amendment and pray for the allowance of all pending claims (claims 1, 4, 7, 9, 14, and 15).

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